

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Mirrors of Most Powerful X-ray Telescope Complete Initial Testing

Performing beyond expectations, the high-resolution mirrors for NASA's most powerful orbiting X-ray telescope have successfully completed initial testing at Marshall. Tests show that the resolving power of the Advanced X-ray Astrophysics Facility is equivalent to being able to read the text of a newspaper from half a mile away. Scheduled to launch next year, the X-ray telescope will help answer basic questions, such as determining the age and size of the universe.

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Six Marshall Employees Selected as 1997 NASA Fellows

Six Marshall employees have been named 1997 NASA Fellows. They are Garry Lyles, Dr. Helen McConnaughey, Dr. Rebecca McCaleb, Steven Gentz, Amanda Harris and Rose Allen. They will participate in Fellowship programs at various colleges and universities to study management and executive processes and technical disciplines. NASA selected a total of 27 Fellows.

Red Cross Holds Blood Drive Fri.; All Donors Receive Free T-Shirt

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Marshall, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Friday in Bldg. 4752. All donors will receive a T-shirt. Marshall employees who donate may take up to four hours of excused absence Friday. Those whose last names begin with T - Z should donate between 8 and 8:30 a.m.; Q - S, 8:30 - 9 a.m.; M - P, 9 - 9:30 a.m.; I - L, 9:30 - 10 a.m.; F - H, 10 - 10:30 a.m.; C - E, 10:30 - 11 a.m.; and A - B, 11 - 11:30 a.m.